

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** SHOWA CORPORATION

**Serial Number:** To be assigned

**Filed:** December 4, 2003

**For:** RELIEF VALVE

**Docket Number:** 13684

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

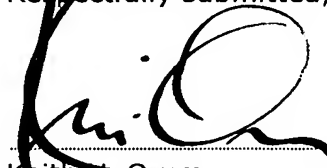
Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 4, 2003

Sir:

Applicant claims priority of Application number 2003-180204 filed on 24 June 2003 and Application number 2003-010379 filed on 17 January 2003 filed with the Japanese Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith H. Drum  
Attorney Registration No. 33985  
Attorney for Applicant

**DRUM & ROTH**  
53 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604-3606  
TELEPHONE: (312) 922-6262